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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

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A. _____ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. patent application publication and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; (iii) for each cross-referenced pending U.S. application listed below in Section IV, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application which caused it to be listed including the claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

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A. X Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

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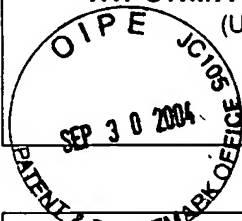
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4.		2,941,583	06-21-1960	H. J. Tischler et al.		
5.		3,459,065	08-05-1969	N. N. Fender		
6.		3,641,838	02-15-1972	Turner		
7.		3,663,056	05-16-1972	Turner		
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9.		3,879,802	04-29-1975	Werner		
10.		3,901,100	08-26-1975	Iida et al.		
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12.		4,082,352	04-04-1978	Bales et al.		
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16.		4,133,578	01-09-1979	Fancy		
17.		4,143,905	03-13-1979	Hensel et al.		
18.		4,159,815	07-03-1979	Strowik et al.		
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20.		4,348,050	09-07-1982	Letournoux et al.		
21.		4,591,207	05-27-1986	Nithammer et al.		

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33.		5,301,569	04-12-1994	Droulon		
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35.		5,558,402	09-24-1996	Yamada		
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37.		5,611,599	03-18-1997	Baloche et al.		
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40.		5,664,836	09-09-1997	Takagi		
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45.		5,692,589	12-02-1997	Beguín		
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